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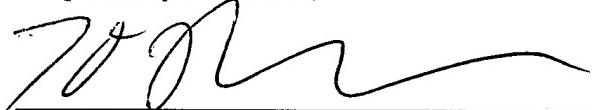
Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trahan, et al., U.S. Patent Number 5,634,962 in view of Grasso, et al., U.S. Patent Number 5,198,000.

Claims 2, 5, 6, 9 and 12-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are otherwise allowable. Applicant has, by means of the foregoing amendment, incorporated the limitations of the appropriate base claims and any intervening claims into claims 2, 5, 6, 9, and 12-14.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits the claims as amended are allowable over the art of record and reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully requested. If it would be helpful to obtain favorable consideration of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call and discuss this case with the undersigned.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and an authorization to charge all fees therefore to Deposit Account No. 19-5117 if not otherwise specifically requested. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any required fees not included or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-5117.

Respectfully submitted,



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